

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the title on page 1 to read:

**-IMPROVED SURGICAL INSTRUMENT AND METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF URINARY INCONTINENCE-.**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

Next, a guide element 100 is inserted as shown in Fig. 7a 6a through the vaginal incision and into the dissected tract until it passes the inferior pubic ramus and enters the opening previously made in the obturator membrane. Extensions 104 of the guide member remains outside the dissected tract and prevent the guide from being over-inserted. The guide may include a C-shaped channel that functions to guide the surgical instrument along the dissected path.